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Forum on ASEAN-Japan Cultural Relations

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Orchard Hotel, Singapore

To assist ASEAN and Japan achieve the level of partnership envisioned by leaders of both sides, a forum on ASEAN-Japan Cultural Relations will be organised as an ASEAN-Japan collaborative activity. The Centre is the implementing agency for this initiative.

The forum, which is planned for 24 July in Singapore, aims to take stock of the cultural dimension of ASEAN-Japan relations and provide recommendations on what kind of cultural connections should be promoted in supporting the strategic objectives of ASEAN-Japan relations. The term "culture" encompasses different aspects of cultural cooperation, especially how it can support economic development. The forum discussion would also help to dispel certain myths or preconceptions that both ASEAN and Japan experience in engaging with each other at all levels.

As a strategic stock-take of the current state of relations, the forum will help increase the visibility of the ASEAN-Japan partnership in all spheres of cooperation and support ASEAN's own efforts to realise the "open, dynamic and resilient" ASEAN Community envisioned by ASEAN's leaders.

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